

## **JUSTIFICATION FOR OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION**

Sole Source/Item

### **I. REQUESTING OFFICE**

The Albuquerque Operations Office of the Department of Energy (DOE/AL), Office of Secure Transportation (OST) plans to contract by means other than full and open competition. This document sets forth the justification and approval of the use of one of the exceptions to full and open competition allowed under the Competition in Contracting Act (CICA) of 1984.

### **II. NATURE OF ACQUISITION**

See Description of Services below.

### **III. DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES**

Purchase of 500 EA. SR25 Magazines. Total acquisition cost is estimated at \$49,770.00. These parts are necessary to maintain the SR-25 weapons in safe and working condition.

### **IV. AUTHORITY**

Section 303(c)(1) of the CICA, Pub. L. 98-369, allows the executive agency to use procedures other than competitive procedures when the property or services needed by the executive agency are available from only one responsible source and no other type of property or services will satisfy the needs of the executive agency (41 U.S.C. Section 253(c)(1)).

### **V. APPLICABILITY OF AUTHORITY**

The SR-25 weapon is the weapon issued to Special Agents assigned to OST. Knight's Armament is the sole manufacturer of the SR-25 magazines for use in the SR-25 Rifle. The Agents are trained annually and qualify quarterly on the use of the SR-25. Additionally, OST provides its own maintenance program to ensure serviceability of the weapons at all times. Armory personnel are trained and certified to maintain the weapons. Switching to another manufacturer's weapon would increase the costs to the government for training and certification of armory personnel as well as Federal Agents and Training staff.

Parts for the SR-25 Rifle are proprietary and only available through Knight's Armament. Issuing parts from another manufacturer could result in safety issues

due to suspect parts. Non-manufacturer parts will also void the factory warranty for the weapon.

**VI. EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL SOURCES**

Additional sources for Knight's Armament SR-25 parts were researched on the internet. No Distributors for the rifle or parts were identified.

**VII. DETERMINATION OF REASONABLENESS OF COST OR PRICE**

Cost is determined as reasonable based upon historical pricing data from previous purchases.

**VIII. MARKET SURVEY**

Market survey could not be accomplished due to the proprietary nature of the parts.

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Approved



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